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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 226

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 31, 2009

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Suicide Prevention Training for School Personnel.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Miller

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill allows a governing body to adjourn its schools to allow teachers to participate in a basic or inservice course of education and training on suicide prevention and the recognition of students who are considering suicide.

The bill provides that after June 30, 2012, an individual may not receive an initial teaching license unless the individual has completed training on suicide prevention and the recognition of students who are considering suicide.

The bill requires the Department of Education to consult with organizations, such as the Jason Foundation, that have expertise in awareness and prevention programs for the prevention of youth suicide in developing programs for use by school corporations and teacher education programs.

Effective Date: July 1, 2010.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The Department of Education could incur some cost in developing programs for use by school corporations and teacher education programs on the prevention of suicide and the recognition of students who are considering suicide. The cost should be reduced by consulting with organizations such as the Jason Foundation who have expertise in developing these programs. The impact is probably minor.

After June 30, 2012, an applicant for an initial teaching license must show evidence that they have successfully completed education and training on the prevention of suicide and the recognition of students who are considering suicide. The training would probably be done by a college or university as part of their

teacher training and probably would not have much impact.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: Schools would have the option to allow teachers to participate in education and training on the prevention of suicide. Unless schools would need to purchase course materials for education and training, the bill should present a minimal impact on local school expenditures. Any impact on school expenditures would depend on school governing body action.

Background- Current law already gives schools the option to allow teachers up to three school days to participate in sessions regarding:

- (1) agriculture,
- (2) teachers' association,
- (3) visiting model schools, or
- (4) autism.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Education; State educational institutions.

Local Agencies Affected: Local schools.

Information Sources:

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